

The new system which is Y2K compatible will be used to manage information concerning both civil and criminal matters that pass through the sheriff's department.

Following all the "spending," commissioners had the pleasant duty of receiving some money. Former state senator Dwight Adams came "bearing gifts." He presented Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis with a check for \$10,000 from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

According to Lewis, the money will go toward the restoration of the childhood home of the late "Big" Jim Folsom, a former governor of the State of Alabama. The home, located on Co. Rd. 151, is already on the Register of Historic Places.

Adams commented that the check was a little late in coming due to his being tied up in a race for the state senate seat. He lost his bid for reelection to Barry Hickey of Elba.

"It was my pleasure to work with the Coffee County Commission from 1994 to 1998 (his term in the state senate)," said Adams. "I enjoyed my participation with you and the activities that we did together, which were mutually beneficial. I wish you well."

The topic of discussion turned to road maintenance with Tommy Blackstock addressing the commission concerning a drainage problem on Co. Rd. 467.

He told commissioners that \$7,000 to \$8,000 had been sent in the past year to correct the problem; however, after the first big rain (2 to 3 inches) it was all to do over again.

"The water coming off the road is turned on us, and it's caused the road to fall and we can't control it. It's just so much water," said

Blackstock. "I want to see if there some way that some of the water can be moved in another direction or do something with that which is turned on me to keep the land from washing away."

Commissioner Robert Stephens agreed that there is indeed a problem noting that, "over the years, the conservation department has turned more water into the road, and also, it has rained more causing lots of water to flow on this man's land."

After several minutes of discussion, the commission authorized the county engineer to help Mr. Blackstock with his problem as long as it is economically prudent and as detrimental to the county as far as right-of-ways, etc.

Later in the meeting, Stephens also asked that the commission formally ask the conservation department to help with Mr. Blackstock's erosion problem. It was approved to do so.

During the general business from commissioners session, Commission Tom Grimsley reported that the restoration (sandblasting and painting of exterior) of the health department building was nearing completion and should be completed in two to three weeks.

Grimsley then brought up the action taken in the last commission meeting to pave Co. Rd. 601 up to the point that the county had right-of-way deeds. He noted that he had supported that action; however, since that meeting, he had reservations about taking such action.

Grimsley expressed concern about the legal aspect of the pavement stripping and the road becoming dirt.

"One thing that concerns me is the safety of it," he said. "If you got

half the road paved and someone comes through there doing sixty miles an hour and it has rained two inches on the other end, whose going to be liable?"

He also said that he was worried about setting a precedent preventing the county from concerning property for right-of-ways in the future. County Attorney Kenneth Fuller noted first, that if the pavement end is properly marked, he could foresee no liability problems as long as both the paved portion and dirt portion are properly maintained. Secondly, he commented that the paving of a road, and how far it may be paved, is an administrative decision. Also, he could not see how it would affect future condemnation of right-of-ways.

A motion by Commissioner Doug Dalrymple to rescind the action taken in the last meeting concerning Co. Rd. 601 failed due to the lack of a second.

In other matters, the commission took the following action:

- *Signed a resolution approving waiving of tipping fees at the county landfill as part of the county's match in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Buy-Out Program.

*Commissioner Bernest Brooks reminded commissioners of their responsibility to appoint an individual to serve on the county's parks and recreation board. Only he and Commissioner Linda Westbrook have made appointments.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, March 22, 1999, in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

NOTICE

The night deposit (drop box) at Elba City Hall is open for deposits of utility bills. The drive-thru window will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day for payment of utility bills only. All other business is to be conducted inside city hall between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elba City BOA hoping for bond money

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board is still hoping to resolve a stalemate over the use of state bond issue receipts. Governor Don Siegelman wants the entire bond issue used to replace portable classrooms, but school systems, such as the Elba system which have no portables, had other plans for their previously approved portion of the bond issue.

Superintendent Charles Pearce reported to board members that the city sales tax received this month was the largest on record (for

December sales). He noted that the General Fund cash balance at the end of the month is up \$30,000 above projections and would probably look even better next month.

Pearce noted that the child nutrition program was also remaining in the black financially.

Assistant Superintendent David Stokes reported to board members on the present status, future plans and goals and objectives of the technical plan. This involves wiring every classroom for internet network, furnishing multiple computers in each classroom and installing an ultra fast internet connection for use by the students on this network.

Stokes told board members this work is 25% complete from a \$78,000 grant and federal funds from a program called E Rate will fund the balance of the work, which will exceed \$300,000.

Pearce told board members about a March 31 meeting with 10th grade students and clearing up their misunderstandings about the revised graduation exam. One item which was bothering the students was their having to take the test twice, this year and again in 2000, regardless of their score. Pearce explained that the students were being used to establish a curve statewide to grade these tests on.

The superintendent noted that the Elba school have lead their cluster of schools in these scores for years. He attributes this to dedicated teachers and the federally funded "GAP" program which gives extra help to high school students in getting them over the rough humps.

Mayor James Grimes replaced the council might consider abolishing this ordinance and handling the duties with city employees and elected officials. An action was taken and Grimes said he and the city attorney will have a recommendation at a later date.

Bills totaling \$32,773.12 were approved for payment. This included \$2,465.53 for vehicle repair and maintenance, \$754.60 for chemicals, \$935.61 for asphalt mix, \$2,503.00 equipment for the new fire truck, \$817.17 advertising, including the proposed sewer project, \$877.42 for police uniforms, \$7,032.67 architect fees on the city hall renovation; and the \$4,094.81 cost of installing new gas pumps at the city barn to bring them in compliance with ADEM requirements.

The report showed increases in accidents and traffic tickets. However, there was a drop in criminal arrests, warnings issued, drivers assisted, the number of incidents reports and the number of DUI arrests.

Grimes has an ordinance establishing a committee to review and recommend actions on housing rehab, etc. This committee held an organi-

zational meeting prior to the 1998 flood, but has not met since. Several members have moved or resigned and council members have had trouble finding willing replacements.

Grimes told council members he expected the first money for the FEMA buy-out of flood victims homes to be approved "shortly."

Anyone unsure of their correct address can call the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at (334) 894-5415.

"Even if a person has lived at the same address for the past 50 years, we may not know where they live," said Plippo. "We have a new house of people here, and we ask that everyone be patient as we make these changes. Ultimately, our goal is to provide better and faster mail service to the people in this area."

As another effort by the United States Postal Service to provide better mail service to the people, Plippo said delivery confirmation on priority mail will be offered as of March 14.

This means priority mail can be tracked from the time it is mailed until it arrives at its destination for \$0.25. Also, standard packages being mailed can be tracked for an additional \$0.80.

According to authorities, the body of Benjamin Franklin Smith, Sr., of Route 3, Elba was discovered by his son Benjamin Franklin Smith, Jr., at approximately 10 a.m. Saturday.

During the course of the initial investigation, the victim's grandson, Paul Edward Smith, age 32, was arrested Saturday night and charged with the capital murder of his grandfather, Smith, a resident of Enterprise, is the son of Benjamin Franklin Smith, Jr.

As is done in all murder cases, persons closest to the victim, family members etc., were being interviewed and it was during this time that the grandson allegedly admitted to involvement in the murder. He was placed under arrest and charged with the crime at that time.

Authorities do not believe that anyone else was involved in the murder; however, they have not completely ruled out the possibility at this time.

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McGlothren receives 8-year sentence

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Susan McGlothren case involving monies stolen from Coffee County has finally been concluded or at least for the present time.

On Thursday, March 11, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head pronounced sentence on Mrs. McGlothren after she had pled guilty to stealing more than \$74,000 from the county's coffers.

She was sentenced under a reverse split sentence to eight years in prison. This means that the judge suspended the first five years of the sentence with Mrs. McGlothren being under supervised probation. The remaining three years are to be served in prison starting in March of the year 2003.

The judge further ordered that McGlothren perform 10 hours of community service for one year with that service directly benefiting Coffee County and/or its citizens. She had 14 days from Thursday to present a community service plan to her probation officer for approval.

It was also ordered that Mrs. McGlothren pay all court costs involved in her trial. That amount was \$250.

The court noted that Mrs. McGlothren must maintain an exemplary record during her five-year probation period or face the consequences of having her probation revoked and going to prison and serving the full eight years.

Judge Head warned that even the writing of a bad check could mean prison.

Mrs. McGlothren was also advised that at the end of her probation period, or before, she could petition the court to suspend her final three years of prison providing she maintains a "clean record."

Prior to Judge Head's pronouncing sentence on Mrs. McGlothren, the court reviewed a pre-sentencing investigation report and heard testimony from Mrs. McGlothren and seventeen witnesses who spoke on her behalf. Those offering testimony included McGlothren's husband and children as well as area businessmen and local church leaders.

She offered an apology to the Coffee County Commission for causing them great embarrassment and admitted to making an awful mistake. In pleading to the court that she not be sent to prison, she commented that it was not that she was too good to go to prison, but that she just did not want to go.

McGlothren testified that she took the money to help with financial problems within her family. Her father loaned her the money to repay the county.

District Attorney Mark Fuller pointed out the fact to the court that McGlothren did not admit to taking the funds nor repaid the funds until after bookkeeping discrepancies were revealed in an audit in January of 1998.

McGlothren was relieved of bookkeeping duties with the county commission on January 21, 1998 and tendered her resignation on January 16, 1998. She was indicted on first degree theft charges in April of 1998 and arraigned on May 27, 1998, at which time she entered a plea of not guilty. In May of 1998,

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STRONG WIND OR TORNADO? The harsh weather which sent this tree crashing into the mobile home of Dove Clark northwest of Elba Saturday night was bad by any name given. The huge pine destroyed the home, but luckily there was no loss of life. A number of rural homeowners reported damage from the Saturday night winds and rains. In addition to the mobile home, Clark lost the top off a barn, had some qual pens damaged and lost a portion of the top from a house that was under construction.

Weekend storm causes widespread damage

A series of severe thunderstorms, high winds, and possibly a tornado moved through Coffee County Saturday night dumping more than 4 inches of rain in some areas.

The heavy rains caused some major flooding in Elba due to the inability of the drains to handle the sudden downpour. Clark Furniture Store in Elba suffered some water damage while some residents in rural portions (west, north and northeast of Elba) of the county were damaged by high winds or even a possible tornado touchdown.

There were several downed trees reported in the area with some blocking roadways. The county

highway department emergency crews quickly cleared the roadways. Only one road closing due to flooding was reported and that was at the intersection of Co. Rds. 235 and 228. In checking with the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency

Monday morning, there were no official reports of damage made by area residents to that agency.

All storm damage, when it occurs in the county, should be reported to the Coffee County EMA Office at 894-5415.

The City of Elba has made another step toward providing its citizens with an early warning of impending danger.

The fire siren, located adjacent to the fire station, will take on a new temporary responsibility. In the past, it has been used to alert volunteer firemen and Elba residents of a fire; however, it will now be used as an early warning device.

According to R. W. Whitworth, Elba's Chief of Police, the siren will now be sounded ONLY in the event of a tornado warning, severe thunderstorm warning or eminent danger of flooding to the Elba area.

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency is working with the City of Elba on securing funding for installation of an early warning system consisting of possibly three state-of-the-art sirens strategically located within the city. Tentatively, \$40,000 (\$30,000 grant plus \$10,000 local match) has already been secured to be used

toward this project; however, these monies will be used to acquire one siren for Elba and two for the City of Enterprise. Other funding is being sought to purchase additional units.

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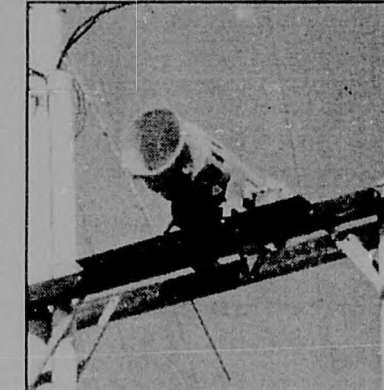
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Fillingim, who oversees the school system's transportation, the board accepted the low bid on buses from Coastal/Southland. The bid was a combination from Coastal for a body (Thomas Model 1100S) at \$14,771.00 and a chassis (International DT 466E) from Southland at \$31,116.21 for a total of \$45,887.21. Coastal is located in Mobile and Southland in Birmingham.

The only other bid was from Dowling Truck & Tractor at \$47,417.30 per unit.

Fillingim noted that Dowling's bid was still high after the application of the 3% local option.

Golda Donaldson, technology coordinator for the county, gave the board a brief up-date on E-Rate funding which is subsidized government funding for upgrading the county school system's computer network. The school system is in the process of upgrading its com-

puters and associated equipment. She noted that one of the goals is to connect all three campuses (Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton) of the county system and the central office together via computer.

In response to Board member Ben Ampong question "Are we ready for the year 2000?" Mrs. Donaldson said, "If we get all this new equipment in, we don't have to worry about all that either."

Dr. Linda Ingram briefed members of the board concerning the board's policy on graduation requirements, and the modification of the No Pass/No Play Policy. Members were given a handout on both policies for review and will be presented at the next meeting for formal action.

The next meeting of the board will be held on Thursday, April 8, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Office located in Elba.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

What a Machiavellian chess game! That was the opening line in some mail we received last week discussing the events in the Alabama legislature. It is a great comparison, with we had thought of it first. Machiavelli was the author of that great literary classic of 1532 "The Prince." As many readers know, he lost his political position in Florence, Italy when the opposing political party took command of the city-state of Florence. That sent him back to the family farm "for health purposes." Actually it was to keep the winners from killing him. In an effort to win favor and get his old job back, he wrote this book... probably as a private memo to the reigning prince. However the ruler died without reading Machiavelli's ideas, and several years after Machiavelli's own death, members of the authors' family published the writings as a book. For centuries many world business, political and military leaders have reportedly read the book and been accused of adopting one very controversial chapter as the bible for some rather ruthless governing of their helpless subjects. While we join those who think the users of this writing as their "bible" have taken the chapter out of context, it continues to be used and to be very controversial. What we see, putting it in context of the times and the fact this man was out of favor, was a person brainstorming ideas to get on the good side of the ruling party and ultimately be allowed to get off the farm and away from milking those cows twice a day. As with many other feelings, Machiavelli can be helpful or misused, based on the core feelings of the reader.

But, back to the Alabama Senate. Pick your side, but either could be the man sent back to the farm, milking cows and cleaning the barnyard with enormous disgust at something which he feels is beneath him. Neither likes the position and is acting out its own version of "The Prince" to remain in power. They each want to return to the comfortable position of voting on bills, passing laws and being our wheeling and dealing state senator(s) or in other words, directly responsible for molding the state's destiny. Can the Machiavellian theory win with both sides carrying a copy of the book in their mind or under their respective arm? Or will the people of Alabama lose because one segment in that oft quoted chapter advises the ruler on how to put down opposition and remain in power. Machiavelli writes that the ruling prince can keep his subjects loyal by promising anything the people want to hear... but he doesn't have to deliver it. Kinda sounds familiar.

There is a movement in Montgomery, following the recent killing of a Sylacauga man and the national publicity it attracted, to pass a special law in Alabama to punish those responsible for any hate killing. Many states have done that already. We don't follow that logic. No, we don't advocate the killing of any group of people, regardless of their sexual orientation, color of their skin, hair nor the brand car they drive. But neither do we think the person killed in something fitting an ever-changing description of a "hate crime" is any deadlier than the person gunned down in robbery of a service station or a brawl in the neighborhood bar. We perceive this would only add to the legal wrangling as law officers and lawyers argue over a particular death being a hate crime or a regular killing. Murder is murder, period.

A couple of months ago we were in a group trying to decide the exact day of the week a certain meeting was going to be held. Our big mouth popped up with, "Oh, Sunday is February 14 and so that makes the 18th on..." Well that prompted a long time friend who has moved on to higher digs to comment about our new-found romantic concerns. Trying to remain honest, at least when it doesn't hurt, we acknowledged it was only because that was our scheduled day to read the bible at Sunday morning church services! This lady, who has spent time around the world, including considerable time in Washington D. C., explained that maybe we shouldn't be quite so truthful. Like, keep your mouth shut fellow and be thought a fool, rather than open it and remove all doubts.

March is the "month of the floods" in Elba and that fact has not gone unnoticed by anyone who has seen and/or waded through our muddy waters during these last ten years of disasters. Saturday night was definitely no exception. People 50 or more miles away from here would probably be shocked to know the truth about how many Elba citizens got less than the normal amount of sleep Saturday night. While the river stage didn't even officially get to a height of 21 feet, there was a eerie feeling in many of us while the rains were pouring down in the darkness of night.

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 8, 1999, investigated the following incidents: three DUIs, four thefts of property, five harassments, one harassing communication, one criminal mischief, one burglary, and one forgery.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for assault, one for theft of property, one for menacing, and one for criminal mischief. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, three for DUI, and one for reckless driving.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MARCH 8 - Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a residence on Solite Dr. (3:16 a.m.); River stage - 5.73 feet (6:05 a.m.); Alarm at Southeast Alabama District office (7:55 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Solite Dr. (1:38 p.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to Smith-Harper Apts. (1:53 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at the intersection of AL 203 (By-Pass) and S. Hwy. 84W (3:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:52 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on East Davis St. (7:36 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Baptist Hospital in Montgomery (9:24 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 - Alarm at Big Little East (2:25 a.m.); River stage - 5.61 feet (6:36 a.m.); Fight reported on Lee St. (5:44 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 - River stage - 6.68 (6:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (10:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from the Elba Nursing Home to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (4:27 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 - River stage - 6.26 feet (6:14 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Plant Ave. (7:12 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (1:14 p.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a residence on North Clayton Ave. (7:38 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 - River stage - 5.84 feet (6:16 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of March 9, 1999, through March 15, 1999. They were: Shaqueta Tyson, Shaqueta Tyson, Mary Jackson, Nellie Holcomb, Estelle Jackson, John Hall, Ethel Abercrombie, I. A. Kilcrease, Bessie Jacobs, Stephen Goodwin, Helen Thigpen, Deana Harbuck, David Thompson, Glen Hammond, Mattie Daniels, Howard Mauldin, Betty Smith, Rhonda Brumley, Betty Goodwin, Eva Hammond, Melissa Hutto, Nancy Wicker, Channing Morris, Mary Lou Smith, Susan Bell, Johnny Morgan, Hilton Mitchell, Joe Thames, Brown Williamson, Johnny Thompson, Christie Bell, Tameka Coleman, and Judy Boswell.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Brenda Cordle, Howard Mauldin, Johnny Morgan, Deana Harbuck, Mary Lou Smith, Nancy Wicker, Channing Morris, Mary Lou Smith, Susan Bell, Johnny Morgan, Hilton Mitchell, Joe Thames, Brown Williamson, Johnny Thompson, Christie Bell, Tameka Coleman, and Judy Boswell.

NOTICE

Visitor Restriction at Elba Nursing Home: A visitor restriction has been enforced at the Elba Nursing Home, according to Ellen Briley, administrator. No children please. All visitors MUST report to the nurses station for further instructions, and everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

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North American Mission Rally to be held March 20 at Westside Baptist Church

Coffee Baptist Association WMU is hosting a North American Mission Rally at Westside Baptist Church, Elba, on Saturday, March 20, 1999. The Rally will be from 2-5 p.m. and is a come and go event.

Clifford and Patsey Matthews, North American missionaries will be available at their display. Other displays Cathy Isler-House of Ruth; Kenneth Ward-Men's Ministries; Floyd Morrow-Missions Development featuring mission activities; Project Help-Stop Violence, Christian Missions, representatives from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Elba Police Department; Hospice will give free blood pressure checks;

Coffee Baptist Vineyard-free cookies and cinnamon rolls. WorldCraft Show-orders can be placed; products by Coffee County Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors.

There will be clowns, cotton candy and face painting and something for every family member. Mission project donations will be collected at the Rally; Campbell soup labels for the Dothan Children's Home, grocery bags (paper & plastic), twin bed linens, rice, alarm clocks, sugar, board games, socks, light bulbs, Band-Aids, diapers, baby toiletries, costume jewelry, dress socks, and cologne.

Alabamians can now call the Public Input Line at 1-800-813-6722 to express their views on pending bills and resolutions, or to send messages to their representatives.

People seeking information about the status of bills in the legislative process should continue to call the toll-free Bill Status Information Number, which is 1-800-499-3052. The toll-free Public Input Line will be operational three days a week while the Legislature is in session. Calls will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 12 a.m., and between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The line will not be staffed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens can call the line for general information or to have messages relayed to their representative. Citizens who are uncertain about who represents them in the House can obtain that information from their local Board of Registrars, or visit the Alabama State Legislature's website at www.legis.laureate.state.al.us.

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AREA DEATHS

PATRICIA STUCKEY DRIGGERS

Mrs. Patricia Stuckey Driggers, age 48, of New Brockton died March 9, 1999 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held March 12, 1999 at First Baptist Church of New Brockton with the Revs. Bob Barr and Rex Henderson officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Driggers was preceded in death by her father, Huey David Stuckey.

Survivors include her husband: Charles H. Driggers Jr., New Brockton; one son: Charlie Driggers, New Brockton; her mother: Perline Stuckey, New Brockton; one sister: Rebecca Stuckey Adams, New Brockton; two brothers: Jerome Stuckey, Geneva; Phillip Stuckey, New Brockton; and six nieces and nephews.

RUDOLPH WYROSIDICK

Mr. Rudolph Wyrosidick, age 63, of Rt. 1 Box 78K, Elba, died March 11, 1999 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

Mr. Wyrosidick was a life long resident of Elba and Coffee County. Funeral services were held March 13, 1999 at Elba First Assembly of God with Rev. Alfred Iker officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery in Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Jeanette Wyrosidick, Elba; two daughters: Dena Richardson, Elba,

Donna Smith, Wetumpka; a son-in-law: Will Richardson, Elba; two granddaughters: Santessa Smith and Brittany Smith, Wetumpka; six sisters: Kate Free, Kinston, Lillian Smothers, Morris, Ala., Marie Blanchard, Lake Wales, Fla., Carrie Scott, Warner Robins, Ga., Joann Bess, Kinston, Sue Haymon, Newton; three brothers: Wayne Wyrosidick, Jack, Pete Wyrosidick, Lake Wales, Fla., Jimmy Wyrosidick, Indianapolis, In.

WILLIE VAN CAPPS

Mr. Willie Van Capps, age 53, of Rt. 2 Box 29, New Brockton, died March 10, 1999 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

Funeral services were held March 13, 1999 at Ino Assembly of God Church with Rev. Howard Moore officiating. Burial followed in the Ino Assembly of God Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Christine Capps, New Brockton; a daughter: April Capps, Elba; three sons: Daniel Capps, Enterprise, Jessie Capps, Level Plains, Russell Capps, New Brockton; two sisters: Mary Lois Scarbrough and Betty Kilpatrick, both of Enterprise; two brothers: Billy Gene Capps, New Brockton, J.D. Capps, Enterprise; two grandchildren.

CLAIR HAM WINSTON

Mrs. Clair Ham Winston, age 86, of 1563 Highland Drive, Elba, died March 11, 1999 at her residence.

Funeral services were held March 13, 1999 at Hayes Funeral

Home Chapel with Min. Raymond Elliot and Min. Randy Neal officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Winston was preceded in death by her husband, Harris Winston Sr. and a son, Harris Winston Jr.

Survivors include three nieces: Elizabeth Jones, Betty Ham and Carolyn Brunson, all of Elba; one nephew: Joe Courson, Titusville, Fla.

MRS. FRENCCELL MITCHELL

Mrs. Frencell Mitchell, age 64, of Houston County, died March 9, 1999 at Extendicare Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held March 12, 1999 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Evangelist Edward L. Toliver officiating.

Mrs. Mitchell was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Frank Mitchell.

Survivors include her father and mother: Jimmy C. and Quebelean

Brooks, Elba; three sons and daughters-in-law: Rowe G. (Betty) Mitchell, Graceville, Fla., Willie P. (Maria) Mitchell, Stephen (Denise) Mitchell; three daughters and sons-in-law: Joanne (Willie) Hart, Rosie M. (Ricky) Reese, Charlotte Mitchell, all of Dothan; ten brothers and sisters: Doris Stoudmire, Marylean Warren, Rosetta Baker, Grace Bell Scaife, all of Ft. Walton, Fla., Roy Ben Brooks, Miami, Fla., Tommy Brooks, Ollie Ruth Peterson, Jeanette Brooks, Grady Brooks, all of Elba, Freddie Brooks, Boloxie, Miss.; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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LIFESTYLES



L to R: Mrs. Jane Cash, Mrs. Charles Ellis, Miss Amy Ellis-honoree and Miss Regina Hudson

Miss Ellis honored with miscellaneous bridal shower recently

On Saturday afternoon, March 6, Miss Amy Ellis, bride-elect of Randy Paine, was honored with a Miscellaneous Shower at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast.

The double front doors held a white satin heart-shaped arrangement with hanging wedding bells. The house was decorated throughout with carnations, spring bouquets of fresh flowers, and other floral arrangements.

Peggy Stroud greeted the guests and presented them to the bride-elect and her mother, Mrs. Charles Ellis. Jane Cash presided at the guest registry.

Guests enjoyed refreshments of cream puffs, swirls, cheese straws, nuts and punch from the beautifully appointed dining room table. Guests were then directed into

rooms where gifts were displayed. Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Jeanette Carr, Mrs. Jane Cash, Mrs. Charlotte Clark, Mrs. Lucia Grantham, Mrs. Barbara Hudson, Mrs. Vivian Lee, Mrs. Verneette Maddox, Mrs. Merlene Owens, Mrs. Ceina Spicer, and Mrs. Peggy Stroud.

Relay For Life Benefit Beauty Pageant to be held

The Third Annual Coffee County "Relay For Life" Benefit Pageant will be held April 3 at 6 p.m. in the Enterprise State Junior College Multi-purpose Room. Categories for the "Sunday dress" contest are: Baby "Relay for Life" - Ages 0-2; Tiny Miss "Relay for Life" - Ages 2-4; Little Miss "Relay for Life" - Ages 5-7; Petite Miss "Relay for Life" - Ages 8-11; Junior Miss "Relay for Life" - Ages 12-15; and Miss "Relay for Life" - Ages 16-20. The registration fee for the pageant is \$20 and admission will be \$3. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

For more information contact: Elaine Stuckey at 347-9444 or 347-1542, or call Lila Guthrie at 347-0861 or 374-4949.

Autumn Jones is two years old

Autumn Brianna Jones celebrated her second birthday on Feb. 2. Autumn is the daughter of Michael and Donna Jones of Elba. Grandparents are Richard and Pat Jones, Elba, Edward and Gail Morris, Elba and George and Debbie Sims, Montgomery. Great-grandparents are Merle Berry, Elba and Riley Sims, New Brockton.

Autumn was honored with a small party on Feb. 2 in the home of her parents. Those present were: Mommy and Daddy, Little sister, Brookelin, Nana and Pappi, Brandon, Shonda, Tony, DeAnn and Phillip.



Autumn Jones

She was honored with a Barney Party on Feb. 6 at the home of her grandpa and grandma. Autumn and her friends were entertained by a special guest, Barney. It was an exciting afternoon for Autumn and her guests. Those helping Autumn celebrate were: Mommy and Daddy, Brookelin, Grandma and Grandpa, Alan, Brandie, Candie, Amy, Ethan, Haden, Anniston, Baylee, Jacob, Shawn, Kyle, Wendy, Ryan, Aunt Missy, Great-aunts Patsy, Betty, Sally, Louise, and Rachel, Mr. and Mrs. Garza, Glen and Joy.

King-Watson wedding planned for March 27th

The marriage of Miss Catherine Ann King and Mr. Todd Brandon Watson will take place on Saturday, March 27, 1999 at 3:00 in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Elba.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul King and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Watson. All friends and family are invited.



Echo Cheyenne Johnson

Echo Cheyenne Johnson celebrates second birthday

Echo Cheyenne Johnson celebrated her second birthday on Jan. 15, 1999. She is the daughter of Steve and Angie Johnson of Ino. Echo has an older sister, Susie, and two older brothers, Tony and Kit. Her grandparents are Jimmy and Joyce Lashley of Ino and Guy and Sue Johnson of Enterprise.

Al Society, Sons of the American Revolution to meet in Enterprise

A luncheon business session is planned by members of the Wiregrass Chapter - Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, starting at noon today in Po' Folks Restaurant on the bypass in Enterprise.

Chapter President Richard A. Kemp II said members will review some of the events of the recent Society convention held Feb. 26-27 in Auburn and discuss activities in connection with George Washington Bicentennial activities locally.

All men in Coffee, Geneva and Dale Counties who would like to explore membership in the National Society are urged to attend the meeting or contact John Wallace 347-0661, John Ray Fuller 347-4213, Myron T. Vail 684-2397 or Kemp at 774-9965.

Azalea garden Club to host home and garden tour

The Azalea Garden Club will host a tour of the home and gardens of Bickley Cottage, 717 Buford Street, Elba, on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Bickley Cottage is the former Deal house and was built in 1927. The home was renovated in 1997 by current owners Jimmy Harrison and Al Baxter Jr.

Cost of the tour is \$5 per person. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded. Tickets may be purchased from Azalea Club members, at the Briar Patch or at the door. In case of inclement weather, the tour will be rescheduled.

WCC Theatre Dept. to present "Waiting for Godot"

The Wallace Community College Theatre Dept., under the direction of Mr. Terry Schembera, will present Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot," April 27 - May 1.

The curtain will rise each evening at 7:30 in the Benzene Theatre inside Wallace Hall on the Wallace Community College campus. Admission is free. This play contains some mature language. If you require accommodations under ADA, contact Jean Dagostin at (334) 983-3521, ext. 294, two weeks prior to the performance.

Lingerie shower held for Miss Amy Ellis

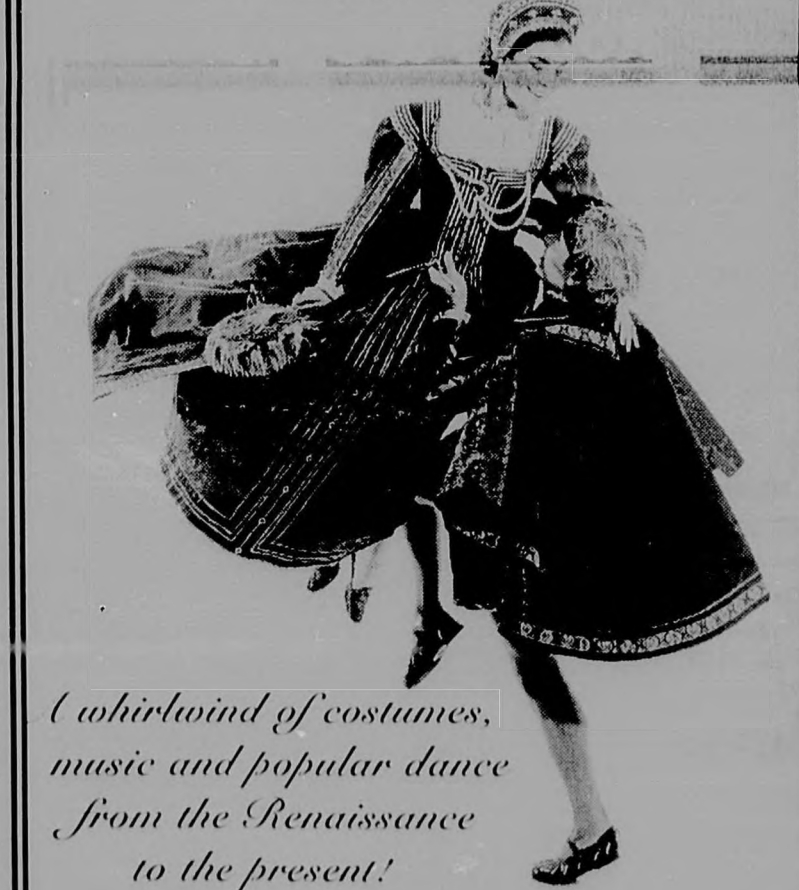
Miss Amy Ellis was honored with a Lingerie Shower on Saturday evening, March 6, at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast. The guests were welcomed into the lovely home where they enjoyed a delightful social period. They were served delicious refreshments, after which Amy opened gifts.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Barbara Hudson, Mrs. Regina Hudson, Mrs. Thelma Hudson, and Ms. Sandra Wilson.

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Rebel News Briefs

ACCELERATED READING UPDATE

by **Michelle McIntosh**
Students at Zion Chapel in grades second through fifth, who had earned 50 Accelerated Reading points by Feb. 4, were treated to a pizza party. Each time a new student is added to the 100 point club, their name is announced over the intercom and they are asked to come to the office where they are given a ribbon and a lollipop. This Accelerated Reading Program is designed to motivate the students to read more.

ZC COMPETES IN LANGUAGE ARTS TOURNAMENT

by **Josh Faircloth**
Zion Chapel seniors and two juniors attended the Language Arts Tournament at Lurleen B. Wallace College in Andalusia. Students competed in many different categories including Reading, Composition Writing, and Oral Interpretation. When not competing, students were able to visit the Art Gallery, which contained work from students from different schools, look over the campus, or visit the student center to relax. Matt Dunn won second place in the Creative Writing division for short stories and was awarded a plaque in recognition. The name of his story was, "Blackjack."

ZION CHAPEL SENIORS VISIT ESJC

by **Bo Adkins**
Zion Chapel Seniors made a trip to Enterprise State Jr. College Feb. 24. They arrived at 10:15 a.m. and were welcomed by the Mentors who served refreshments. The Mentors is a group of ESJC students in charge of greeting and giving tours of the campus to visitors. Dr. Chip Quisenberry discussed financial aid information and answered questions for the Seniors. Mrs. Freddie Alford discussed career decision making. Then Mrs. Robin Wyatt discussed college admission. Immediately after that seminar the visiting Seniors were served lunch and the ESJC Entertainers performed for them. After lunch the Mentors gave them a tour of the facilities at ESJC. Then they loaded up the buses and returned to Zion Chapel.

TRACK TEAM AT ZION CHAPEL

by **Charlie Maddox**
Zion Chapel is holding tryouts for the possibility of a new track team. Mr. Doug Branson and Mrs. Michelle Templin are in charge of the team. They decided to start a track team because of the growing interest in a new sport with the students at Zion Chapel who are not already involved in another sport. They are anticipating twenty or more students to tryout for the team. If they are good enough to make the team, they will participate in at least two meets. If their scores are high enough in comparison to other schools, they will be allowed to participate at the regionals in Selma. From there they would go to State. The track team would not just participate in running events, they would also compete in field events. Some examples of field events are discus and javelin.

Graduation Exam In Progress

by **Carissa Walker**
The tenth graders are getting ready for the Graduation Exam. It has been changed and is much more difficult. The students will be testing March 16-19. The test will consist of reading, language, math, and science. The math will include seventy percent Algebra and thirty percent Geometry. This is the first year science has been on the exam. It will include approximately seventy percent Biology and thirty percent Physical Science. The reading portion of the test will have longer passages that are on a higher grade

level of reading than the Exit Exam. Social Studies will be added later and will be seventy percent U.S. History and thirty percent will be a conglomerate of World History and Geography. The test is multiple choice and is not timed. Students can work at their own rate without having any disturbance. This test is a pilot test for the final test that will be used next fall. The Graduation Exam is said to be the highest standard of any such test in the U.S. Students will have one additional chance to pass the components from their eleventh grade year.

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Zion Chapel Rebel's 1999-2000 Cheerleading Squad

by **Charlie Maddox, Kendra Ward, Bo Adkins, & Paige Hudson**

The tryouts for varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders were held recently. The cheerleaders had to attend two practices for two days to learn two cheers, a chant, and a dance. Seniors from last year's squad, Jessica Cotton and Kendra Ward, taught the material for tryouts.

The criteria for trying out for cheerleader consists of many things. Grades have to be at least a 70 average. Jumps, group cheer, chant, individual cheers, dance and teacher evaluations are the main part of trying out.

The varsity cheerleaders for this year are Kayla Eddins captain, Sarah Maddox co-captain, Daphne Jirright, Rebecca Ward, Christie Roberts, Mallorie Bedsole, Nichole Mitchell, Ashley Wallace, Ashley Wambles and Amanda Perry. The Junior Varsity cheerleaders are Whitney Stephens, Kim Rayburn, Kenna Roberts, Meta Gatlin, Amber Henderson and Kala Bundrick.

Kayla Renae Eddins is the daughter of Larry and Marilyn Eddins. She is 16 years old and in the eleventh grade. This year will be her fifth year as a cheerleader. Kayla was asked what she would miss most about last year's squad and she said, "I'm gonna miss Kendra. The squad we had last year was so awesome and we worked so good together. I'm gonna miss that." Her favorite thing about cheerleading is getting everyone involved. Kayla's accomplishments in cheerleading are being co-captain her junior year and captain her senior year.

Sarah Elizabeth Maddox is the daughter of Dale and Paula Maddox. She is 15 and in the tenth grade. This will also be her fifth year as a cheerleader. When Sarah was asked what she would miss most about last year's squad she said, "The friendships we built and the closeness we had. I'll definitely miss Kendra, Jessica, and Christina. Her accomplishment in cheering was that the 1998-99 squad won numerous excellent and superior ribbons at camp, also a "spirit stick" and the "camp championship" trophy for best cheer. Sarah said, "I was recently selected as co-captain of the 1999-2000 varsity squad and I am very excited." Sarah is a cheerleader because she wants to promote school spirit, not only just on the campus, but also in the entire community. "A cheerleader to me is one who promotes school spirit through the community, and represents his or her school in a way in which others will respect not only them, but also their school."

Daphne Alisha Jirright is the daughter of Robert and Jackie Jirright. She is 16 years old and in the eleventh grade. This will be her second year cheering. Daphne says that she will miss Kendra the most from the squad next year. And that she will miss the friendships that were established. Her accomplishments are being able to get up in front of people without being scared to death. Daphne said, "The definition of being a cheerleader is to promote school spirit, and to be someone little girls can look up to."

Mallorie Leigh Bedsole is the daughter of Jerry and Jo Ann Bedsole. She is 15 years old and in the tenth grade. Mallorie had been a cheerleader for 3 years. When

Mallorie was asked what she would miss about last year's squad she said, "I will miss Kendra and Christina because they were my building group, and my best friends." She likes stunting and spending time with all the other cheerleaders. Mallorie wants to cheer because it's fun, and because a person can learn a lot of things, meet people and make new friends. She thinks that the definition of a cheerleader is someone who shows good leadership, has lots of school spirit, and represents the school well.

Christie Nicole Roberts is the daughter of Sherry and Philip Roberts. She is 16 and in the tenth grade. It is her second year cheering. Christie said this year she will miss Kendra the most. She likes building the most out of everything that cheerleaders do. Her accomplishments in cheerleading are learning how to work well with others. Christie said, "I want to be a cheerleader because I can promote school spirit and hopefully prove it is also a sport just like football, basketball and baseball. Cheering isn't just for show it takes a lot of hard work and dedication." She thinks a cheerleader is someone that shows leadership and promotes school spirit.

Rebecca Suzanne Ward is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Ward. She is 16 years old and in the tenth grade. She has cheered three years. Rebecca said, "I think we have a good squad this year but it won't be the same without my sister Kendra there to tell me everything I did wrong." Her accomplishments in cheering were participating in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando during the winter time, but they were unable to attend. This along with ribbons and a trophy for best cheer at Troy State last summer. She wants to be a cheerleader because it gives her a place of responsibility within the school, and it enables her to become friends with people. Rebecca said, "The definition of a cheerleader is a person with good grades and who is a leader not only at school but in the community as well. It is a person that leads the crowds and stands behind the players whether they win or lose."

Carol Mitchell is the daughter of Teresa Peck and Gavin Mitchell. She is 16 and in the tenth grade. She has been a cheerleader for two years. Nichole said she would miss the two seniors from last year's squad. She also said the thing she liked most about cheerleading was getting in shape, spending all time with friends, and the competition with other cheerleading squads.

Ashley Wallace is the daughter of Brenda and Doug Wallace. She is 13 and in the eighth grade. Ashley has been a cheerleader for two years. When asked what she would miss about last year's squad she said, "Being on junior varsity squad and Kendra. Her favorite thing in cheerleading is stunting, just being out there, and showing school spirit. Her accomplishments in cheerleading include being a stronger, more athletic person."

Whitney Stephens is the daughter of Jackie and Ricky Stephens. She is 12 and in the seventh grade. She has been a cheerleader for one year. She will miss all her friends from last year. Whitney is new at Zion Chapel. The thing she likes most about cheerleading is cheering at the football games. Her biggest accomplishment was her jumps and her motions.



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Sarah Maddox, Rebecca Ward, Christie Roberts, and Mallorie Bedsole; back row - Nichole Mitchell, Ashley Wallace, Ashley Wambles, and Amanda Perry. Kayla Eddins and Daphne Jirright were unavailable for picture.



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Whitney Stephens, Kim Rayburn, Kenna Roberts, and Meta Gatlin; back row - Amber Henderson and Kala Bundrick.

plishment was in learning to tumble. Amanda Perry is the daughter of Cherin Shaw and Mark Perry. She is 12 and in the sixth grade. This is her first year as a cheerleader. She has been a cheerleader for two years. She will miss the people on last year's squad the most. The things she likes most about cheerleading is getting to go to all the football and basketball games, representing the school as a leader and being with her friends. Her accomplishments in cheerleading include becoming stronger, being louder, and becoming less shy.

Amber Henderson is the daughter of Anita Henderson. She is 13 and in seventh grade. This will be her first year as a cheerleader. She believes the definition of a cheerleader is a person who is able to work well with the other girls, to encourage the team in victory and defeat and to represent her school to the best of her ability. Meta Gatlin is the daughter of Glenn and Gail Gatlin. She is 12 and in the sixth grade. She has been a cheerleader for two years. She likes showing school spirit and being with friends the most. Her definition of cheerleading is showing school spirit, supporting school, and being with friends.

Kim Rayburn is the daughter of Dobres and Glenn Rayburn. She is 12 and in the seventh grade. She has been a cheerleader for 2 years. She will miss her friends from last year that moved or didn't make it this year. The thing she likes most about cheerleading is going to the football games and pyramid building. Her biggest accomplishments are her jumps and her motions.

ESJC NEWS

SPECIAL INTEREST COURSE ON ANTIQUES

Antiques are the topic of a second session of a special interest course offered at Enterprise State Junior College this spring semester. This two-hour class will include a discussion about purchasing, refinishing, and locating great antiques and collectibles. The class is designed for the novice and for the experienced antique buff. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 7-9 p.m. There is a \$7.50 fee for this seminar, and the registration deadline is April 6. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Safety is a major concern for boaters. Enterprise State Junior College presents a special interest course that will provide participants with information about boating safety in general as well as legal requirements for boating in Alabama. Information needed to pass the Alabama Certification Test for Boating Safety will also be provided. This test will be given on the last night of class. Passing this test will provide participants with the certification to comply with the Alabama Boating Safety Reform Act of 1944 which goes into effect on April 28, 1999. The class meets 6-9 p.m., April 12-15, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. There is a \$10 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is April 5. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

SUPPORT YOUTH & EDUCATION

Counselor's Corner

by **Julie Roberson**

Mr. Carley, the guidance counselor at Elba High School, would like to remind all seniors to see him about some recent scholarships that are being offered. One of the scholarships that is being offered is from the University of Alabama Department of Theater and Dance.

They are having a scholarship day Saturday, March 20. Anyone who is interested is invited and they must prepare a one to two minute monologue. Also at Jacksonville State University they are having a workshop June 22 through August 3. The purpose of this workshop is to show students that Jacksonville State has a diverse curriculum along with many different programs to offer. Many of the deadlines for scholarships will be arriving soon so be sure to see Mr. Carley as soon as possible.

Have A Safe Holiday

Education Lottery Hot Topic Of Discussion

by **Lee English**

Whether you are for it or against it, the education lottery is a popular topic these days with Alabamians everywhere. Many are in strong support of all the extra money it will bring in; however, just as many people because this is directly related to gambling. Our current governor, Don Siegelman, used this topic as a major part of his campaign to sway the votes of many Alabamians. He promised that with the lottery, education would advance due to the increase in the flow of money. He declared that this money could be used for new school buildings and equipment such as books, computers and new innovative educational programs. Those who are undecided about the lottery issue because of its direct link to gambling say, if allowed, the money should go toward public schools. Although many things are

A Night of "Welakahao"

by **Ama Maddox**

On the evening of February 18, 1999, the Elba High School commons area was transformed into an island of paradise for the annual Band Dance. The fun started with a drawing of the band members a chance to win prizes. However, no band member left empty handed as each received a personalized glass as a souvenir of the night's festivities.

Although this year's band dance was a great success, it would not have been possible without much preparation and hard work by both band students and their parents. A special thanks is in order for those who volunteered their time in creating this evening full of fun and excitement for band members and their guests.

Auto-Mechanics & Welding Contest

by **Alisha Culliver**

On January 28, 1999, Shawn Grantham, Greg Bowers, and Jeffery Fuller placed in the Auto-Mechanics Contest. Shawn Grantham, a senior at EHS, placed first; Greg Bowers, a junior, placed second; and Jeffery Fuller placed third.

Shawn and Greg will represent Elba High School at the VICA district contest. The contest will be held at Wallace Community College in Dothan on March 12. Prizes for the winners were donated by Car Quest of Elba. Judges were from Cook Chevrolet, Cook Ford, and Goodson's Garage.

Congratulations to Shawn, Greg, and Jeffery on their outstanding achievements.

In the welding competition, also held on January 28, James Coleman, a senior at EHS, placed second, and Jeff Eldridge, also a senior at EHS, placed first. The prizes awarded to the winners were protective welding clothing donated by Alabama Cylinder Gas. The judge of the contest was Ricky Bowers from the Crenshaw County Area Vocational Center.

Mr. Bruce Sasser is the welding instructor at Elba High School. Mr. Sasser does an excellent job encouraging his students to participate in contests and everyday classroom

Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox

Editor

Daniel Murdock

Editor

Seniors Attend AU's E-Day

by **Emily Bryan**

On February 26, 1999, eight seniors went to Auburn University to visit their world renowned engineering department and attend lectures addressing campus life.

The seniors included: Josh Hodge, Daniel Murdock, Lee English, Daniel Ward, Elizabeth Stephens, Emily Bryan, Laura Crowe, and Julie Roberson.

They were taken on tours of such engineering departments as chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, agricultural engineering, textile engineering, aerospace engi-

neering, and technical engineering.

Questions were answered by University doctors and professors and hands-on demonstrations were given during department tours.

Students also received information on scholarships and financial aid for those interested in the University.

A few seniors even got the honor of sitting in on a prepractice warm-up for an Auburn Tiger baseball game.

The entire day proved to be fun and educational experience for every student.

Since this is the age of "no new taxes," many citizens support the education lottery due to it bringing in a reliable source of new revenue for education. Even those who support increasing taxes to eliminate the lottery might change their mind when the lottery would be a source of free income. Our position on this resolution is only supported if school boards will not lose revenue. Alabama does not want to experience what other states including Florida have with public school students used to "sell gambling only to have other funds taken away."

Everyone agrees that this proposed lottery issue must come to a close. Sure, all of this improved education would be great, but it is not only education that the governor and legislature must be concerned with. They must also spend their time on "preventing diversion of Education Trust Fund Revenue and ensuring adequate funding."

According to Dr. deGraffer's article adequacy deals with class sizes and the elimination of portable classrooms. Schools that go year-round or are on the extended years must also be adequately funded. Also Governor Siegelman has promised to increase teachers and principal's salaries, provided more student safety and allow background checks for school employees. However, these issues are not part of the lottery funding and probably will not be considered unless or until they become involved with the lottery. Many Alabamians believe the lottery won't live up to its standards. But one thing is for sure neither Alabama schools nor their students will live up to their promise unless adequacy is improved.

Elba Student Soars To Eagle Scout

by **Daniel Murdock**

The Eagle Merit Badge is one of the highest honors that can be earned by a young man; it is a prestigious badge that represents hard work, valor, and integrity. Nearly everyone who enters the Boy Scouts dreams of one day earning their eagle but many of these people never reach this milestone as only 2% will ever achieve the rank of eagle. The ones that reach the Eagle Scout Rank become a part of a select few, a club, that has learned what it takes to become a well-rounded young man as well as many survival techniques that can be useful in most life saving situation.

On February 22, Glenn Davis finally received the reward that he so diligently worked for at the Elba United Methodist Church which held his Eagle Scout Ceremony in their sanctuary. Jimmy Holley, an Alabama State Senator, presented Glenn with the National Medal of Merit in lifesaving for his bravery during the recent flood. Chairmen came from the Alabama Florida Council and Menewa District to witness the herald occasion and to speak a few good words of Glenn's outstanding character and accomplishments. "I am very honored to have received this award," said Glenn shortly after the ceremony. "And I appreciate the large attendance especially by those



Pictured above with Glenn (second from right) are his father, Doug; mother, Cara, and his brother, Jarrod.

affiliated with the city council. I hard work have finally paid off, while the support of the town proudly stands behind him.

SALUTE!

Elba FHA Donates To House of Ruth



Pictured above is Javonne Hughes (left) presenting a check to Ms. Osborne from the House of Ruth.

The Elba High School FHA held its monthly meeting on March 3. One of the recent projects for the organization was a raffle to raise money for victims of domestic violence. The chairperson of this project was Jessica Parks, the FHA vice president. The students were proud to present a check to the House of Ruth for \$215. Ms. Osborne, who accepted the check and spoke to the parenting class, told the students that much of the money they receive is designated for certain purposes. It is through private donations that they purchase socks, blankets, diapers, and other personal items these victims need when they arrive at the shelter for assistance.

Mr. Dunn, the Assistant Principal, drew for the winner of the \$50 prize during the FHA meeting. Angie Crocker was the winner. Angie also was the top sales person, selling 51 tickets.

Elba Elementary School Menu March 22 - 26, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich or Cereal, Half Apple, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Fried Beef Patty, Rice, Field Peas, Banana, Roll, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce/Tomato/Dill, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Peach Half, Bread, Milk
Thursday - Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, Cheese Slice, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy, English Peas, Half Apple, Roll, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grils or Cereal, Toast w/ jelly, Juice, Milk	Friday - Chicken Wiggle, Whole Kernel Corn, Half Orange, Ice Cream Cup, Roll, Milk

Troy State Spring Quarter Registration

Troy State University has scheduled spring quarter registration for March 29-30. Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. until noon and then from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. both days. Spring quarter classes are scheduled to begin March 31. Registration will be held in the respective departments on March 20-30, and will also be held in the admissions office at 134 Adams Administration from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on March 31, April 1 and April 5-6. To find out more about Troy State University's registration process, or to receive general information, call 1-800-551-9716 or 334-670-3175.

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SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

The Mularz family added another taxi driver to its list this week when Melissa passed her drivers' test and got her license. She was more than a little nervous after a couple of her friends had failed their road tests, but she came through with flying colors and was a proud little lady when she walked in the room after the test. I thought Melissa would give Mom and Dad a little rest with all the running around town once she got her license; however, Sunday she didn't want to run to the store, and seems content to let us still do the running. Maybe if I give her the keys she will have to take the car!

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY....

*** The Elba Tigers notched a 5-0 win over Arton last week to even their record at 3-3, and once again the star of the Tiger victory was sophomore Brandon Salter. Salter tossed a complete game one-hitter for the Tigers, struck out nine batters, and also ripped out three hits and knocked in two runs. Salter owns a 3-0 record for the Tigers after three weeks of the season, and in the three wins has now pitched a total of 18 innings and allowed only two earned runs on seven hits, while allowing five walks and striking out a total of 30 batters. The Tigers are unbeaten when Salter is the starting pitcher, and Coach David Lowery stated that the team just seems like a totally different team in all phases when the sophomore is on the mound. I'm sure the Elba ace will have some bumps along the way, but after three outings he has been almost untouchable and his team has won all three games.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers overcame an 0-3 start to get a big double-header sweep over section-five Goshen last week, and maybe now the girls can forget the slow start and just have some fun. The Lady Tigers may not be as strong as they were a year ago, but still have the nucleus to become a winning team, and just have to go out on the field every day and give it 110 percent. Anything short could result in a loss, while the total effort should be more than enough to put a win in the books. The big hitters in the early-season games have been Kendra Vaughan, Katie Vaughan, Roshanda McKinnon, Vaughan Boyd, Leslie Stinson and Melissa Mularz. The group of four juniors and two sophomores have been getting better and better at the plate, and in weeks to come should lead the way to wins. C'mon girls, everyone knows you can win, so, just have fun and do it!

*** The Elba Junior Varsity Lady Tigers pushed their record to 7-0 last week and have barely broken a sweat in rolling up lopsided wins over all their victims. The JV squad includes several girls that have been playing ball all their lives in Rachel Bludworth, Devri Kilease and Aubretta Williams, and the trio has led the way as the Lady Tigers have steam rolled their way past all opponents. I'll try to get the score book this week and share some of the big wins with you next week.

*** I addressed the public school-private school battle two weeks ago and proposed a new set-up where all the public and private schools would compete together during the regular season, and then split up once the playoffs began. Former Elba resident Bob Bruckner now lives in Tennessee and reported last week in an E-Mail that in that state all the public and private schools are full members of the TSSAA, but that there are classes for the public schools and also two classes for the private schools, based upon student population. I am convinced that such a move would solve at least some of the problems involving the public vs. private controversy, open up some new athletic rivalries, and also put all the private schools under the AHSAA.

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has been busy in recent months trying to upgrade the Mulberry Park, and the efforts are finally becoming noticeable. The department has worked the infield, fenced the ball field, installed additional lights, built a bathroom/concession stand, and has plans to add dugouts and a paved walkway from the bleachers to the bathroom/concession stand. The new bathrooms are located in between the ball field and the basketball courts, and should serve any one using either of the facilities. The additions are intended to bring the Mulberry Park up to par with the other parks in town, and the goal is well on its way to becoming a reality.

*** A look at an article in this week's sports shows that the Alabama High School Athletic Association has been busy in recent weeks taking action against some of its member schools. The AHSAA passed out fines totalling \$3,750 and placed ten schools on probation for various rules violations and unsportsmanlike acts during the basketball season. The AHSAA has enacted a "get tough" policy when it comes to unsportsmanlike action by players, coaches and fans, and it looks like it is needed.

*** The action by a Federal Judge last week to strike down the NCAA's minimum grade standard on standardized tests really sent shock waves through the NCAA offices. The judge ruled that SAT and ACT tests were biased based on race and economic standards, and the ruling could place the new entrance standard up to the schools. It seems to me that the NCAA has hurt itself in recent years by trying to be over-aggressive in some of its measures, and it could very well be on its way out, at least as it has been over the ages.

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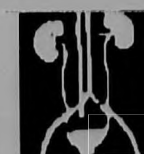
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Salter handcuffs Purple Cats on one hit

Tigers even record at 3-3 with 5-0 win over Arton

The Elba Tigers evened their record at 3-3 Friday night with an impressive 5-0 win over the Arton Purple Cats, in Elba.

The game was scoreless through two innings, but the Tigers' bats

Elba's Coach David Lowery says

that Tigers' woes are based upon

problems with Tiger pitching staff

The Elba Tigers moved their record to 3-3 last week with a loss to Opp and a win over Arton, and Coach David Lowery stated that the week "was just more of the same."

"It was a carbon copy of the other two weeks in that we won when Brandon Salter pitched and lost when we tried to find a second pitcher," added Lowery. "Brandon had an excellent game on the mound in the win over Arton and may have pitched his best game of the season, while he also came through with three hits in two runs. After three weeks it has become painfully clear that when we don't hit we lose, and we seem to lack confidence whenever Brandon Salter isn't on the mound. We have used five pitchers in three weeks in an effort to find a number two man, and we'll try another player this week and see what happens."

"It really all goes back to pitching," said Lowery. "When we pitch well we play better on defense and also hit the ball, and when we don't pitch well nothing goes right. Brandon Salter has obviously had a good start on the mound and at the plate, while Eric Jordan has been getting on base, and has thrown out three runners trying to steal. We simply have to find a level of consistency every game and play hard no matter who is on the mound."

AHSAA passes out fines and

probation to ten member schools

The Alabama High School Athletic Association has released its "Bulletin" for the month of February, 1998, and in the publication it was noted that a total of 10 member schools had been fined and placed on probation for actions taken during the recently completed basketball season.

Schools being cited included: *** Central High School, of Florence, was fined \$250 and placed on probation for one year for using an ineligible player for several games on its boys varsity basketball team in violation of the Eight Semester Rule. The student participated in more than eight semesters since completing the seventh grade. The games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited. The violation was self-reported.

*** Daleville High School was fined \$250 and placed on probation for one year for using an ineligible player in three boys varsity basketball games in violation of the Academic Rule. All games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited. The violation was self-reported.

*** Sanford Middle School was fined \$150 and placed on probation for one year because Coach Tim Jackson took his team off the court before the end of a basketball game with Auburn Junior High, thus resulting in a forfeit. This is considered flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct.

*** Clayton and Louisville High Schools each were fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year for unsportsmanlike acts by the players and fans from both teams that caused their basketball game on Dec. 18, 1998, at Louisville, to be stopped. Two altercations between players from both teams occurred with seven seconds left in the game and caused fans from both schools to enter the court. A chair thrown by a Louisville fan struck Coach James Sims, of Clayton, knocked him unconscious and resulted in him being hospitalized.

*** Louisville High School was also fined \$250 and placed on probation for one year for using an eighth grader from a feeder school in a high school varsity basketball game on Jan. 8 against Arton. This was in violation of the continuation program rules that prohibit middle school students from playing on a high school varsity team. Any games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited. This violation was self-reported.

*** St. Jude High School was fined \$250 and placed on probation

for one year because Coach Harry Scott took his team off the court 27 seconds before the end of a Jan. 8 game with Calhoun, thus causing a forfeit. This is considered flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct. The St. Jude coach opted to end the game with the score tied after the father of an injured St. Jude player came onto the court, cursed an official, refused to leave the court and had to be removed by force. This resulted in a fight between some fans and security personnel.

*** Wenonah High School was fined \$300 and placed on probation for one year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of Coach Cornelius Brown after a basketball game with Hueytown. Brown chased the officials, shouted obscenities and was restrained by Wenonah school officials before getting very close to the game officials. Brown was also reprimanded by his district school officials.

*** Headland High School was fined \$300 and placed on probation for one year because of the unsportsmanlike conduct of one of its fans at a Dec. 18, 1998 basketball game with Abbeville. The fan approached an official on the court during a time-out, cursed the official and got into an altercation with the police that came to remove him from the gym. The pepper spray used by police resulted in a delay of the game for a short time. The fan has been barred from any further Headland contests by the school.

*** East Lawrence High School was fined and received probation for two incidents that occurred at two basketball games. The school was fined \$250 and placed on probation for one year because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct of Coach Jack Steele in a Jan. 11 game with Hazlewood. The coach, in protest of the officiating, took his team off the court and refused to finish the game, thus causing a forfeit. The school was also fined \$500 and placed on an additional year of probation because of the flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct involving physical contact by a student athlete in the Jan. 17 game with Hattiesburg. Rotasha Madden physically attacked a Hattiesburg player and proceeded to drag her to the floor by her hair.

*** Isabella High School was fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its boys basketball team in violation of the Outside Participation Rule. All games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited.

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Brandon Salter delivered with a one-out single to drive in Brookins, and Dadd and Keni Mitchell, a pinch-runner for Salter, both raced home when the Purple Cats booted a grounder off the bat of Josh Hodge.

The Tigers added two runs in the fourth to take a 5-0 lead, and held on for the win. The two runs in the fourth came as Kevin Dodd put two runners on base with no outs.

Tigers manage only three baserunners in 10-0 loss

The Elba Tigers failed to get a hit last Tuesday afternoon in a 10-0 loss to the Opp Bobcats, in Elba. The loss left the Tigers with a 2-3 record, while the Bobcats moved to 1-0 with the win.

Opp combined 4 hits with 10 walks and 6 Elba errors to plate its 10 runs, while Elba managed only three base runners the entire game,

Lady Tigers get first wins

with sweep over Goshen

The Elba Lady Tigers snapped an early-season losing streak Thursday afternoon with a double-header sweep over the Goshen Lady Eagles, in Elba.

The win improved the Lady game with Calhoun, thus causing a forfeit. This is considered flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct. The St. Jude coach opted to end the game with the score tied after the father of an injured St. Jude player came onto the court, cursed an official, refused to leave the court and had to be removed by force. This resulted in a fight between some fans and security personnel.

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Kinston rallies late to down

Elba Lady Tigers 12-11

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 0-3 last Tuesday afternoon with a 12-11 loss to the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, in Kinston.

Roshanda McKinnon ripped a two-run triple in the top of the first to give the Lady Tigers a quick 3-0 lead, and Elba increased its advantage to 7-0 in the third on the strength of a three-run homer by Melissa Mularz. Kinston combined two hits with two Elba errors to pull within 6-3 in the fourth, then played six runs in the fifth to sneak ahead 9-7. The Lady Tigers regained the

lead at 11-10 heading into the bottom of the seventh on a two-run homer by Kendra Vaughan, who saw Kinston stage one final rally as the Lady Bulldogs scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to claim the 12-11 win.

Kendra Vaughan and Roshanda McKinnon both got 3 hits and both ripped home runs to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Vaughan Boyd also added 3 hits. Detria Jones added 2 hits and Melissa Mularz connected on a three-run homer.

Elba mens softball league to

hold final preseason meeting

There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 21, at 7:00 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center, for anyone wishing to enter a team in the Elba Men's Softball League. This will be the final preseason meeting for the league, and items to be discussed include schedules, game times and league rules. The entry fee is \$10 per player, and for more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

Elba JV at Highland Home (2) 3:30

Thursday, March 18 Elba at New Brockton (4:30)

Friday, March 19 Elba at Slocomb (6:00)

Monday, March 22 Brantley at Elba (2) 3:30

Thursday, March 25 Elba at G.W. Long (5:00)

SOFTBALL

Monday, March 22

Tuesday, March 23 Elba at Luverne (2) 4:00

Thursday, March 25 Arton at Elba (2) 4:00

GOLF

Monday, March 22 At Andalusia (12:30)

Thursday, March 25 At Elba (12:30)

Monday, March 22

Elba work release inmates provide over 1,000 hours of service on projects during February

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

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TAX SALE LEGALS

**ELBA DIVISION
LEGAL NOTICE**
SAYATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY
REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S
SALE
I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue
Commissioner for Coffee County,
by virtue of a decree rendered by the
Probate Judge, William O. Gammill,
of said county on February 23, 1998
will proceed to sell to the highest
bidder for cash, before the court-
house door in Elba, said county with-
in the hours of legal sale on April 6,
1998 at 10:00 a.m. the following
described real estate for taxes and
cost due thereon for the year 1998.
Publish 3-4-11, 18-chg

BEASLEY GENE OR KARIN
01-01-01-0-000-002-002 SEC-01
TWSHP: 7N RNGE:22E COM AT
INT OF E. RW OF HWY 231 &
NWLY RW OF CO RD 73 TH
NELY 325.05' N 197.61' TO P.O.B.
TH N 435.44' WLY 70.67';
S 435.44' ELY 70.67' TO P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 46.31
PRINTER'S FEE: 20.64
TOTAL 66.95

**DAVIS CHARLES ANN, DEBORAH
& KATHERINE MYERS**
02-01-11-0-000-005-000 SEC-11
TWSHP: 7N RNGE:21E COM @
BEING THE SW1/4 OF NE1/4 LESS
LOT DESC AS BEG AT SE COR OF
SD14, W 290' N ELS S RW CO
RD # 82 340' S 150' TO P.O.B. CONT
40 AC
TAXES & COST 86.53
PRINTER'S FEE: 21.50
TOTAL 108.03

DUNNAVANT OSCAR N
02-01-11-0-000-013-000 SEC-11
TWSHP: 7N RNGE:21E COM @
WLY OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 & S L
CLOWERS BRIDGE RD, E 200' TO
P.O.B. E 250' S 150' W 250' (S);
N 220' TO P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 41.37
PRINTER'S FEE: 19.04
TOTAL 60.41

DUNNAVANT OSCAR N & WANDA S
02-01-11-0-000-005-000 SEC-01
TWSHP: 7N RNGE:21E COM @
BEING W 1/2 OF SW OF NW 1/4
LESS RD ROW CONT 18 AC
TAXES & COST 69.40
PRINTER'S FEE: 14.88
TOTAL 84.28

FILLINGIM TROY
02-07-35-0-000-000-000 SEC-35
TWSHP: 7N RNGE:21E COM AT

INT OF NW 1/4 & W R/W
CO RD 209, TH W 250' TO P.O.B.
TH W 197.55' S 326.61' SELY
279.38' N 524.1' TO P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 21.30
PRINTER'S FEE: 19.68
TOTAL 40.98

GILLIS WILLIAM R & PATRICIA N
11-03-08-4-001-025-000 SEC-08
TWSHP: 5N RNGE:20E SMITH AVE
SUBD N 50' OF W 150' OF LOT 11
& W 150' OF LOT 13
TAXES & COST 159.07
PRINTER'S FEE: 14.24
TOTAL 173.31

HARTMAN KEVIN N & LYDIA MARIE
19-09-29-0-000-004-000 SEC-29
TWSHP: 3N RNGE:20E A LOT IN
SW1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC AS BEG @
NE COR OF SD FORTY TH S 40'
TO S RW CO RD # 4 & P.O.B. TH
N 210' W 210' TH N 210' TO S RW
TH E 210' TO P.O.B. (AC)
TAXES & COST 57.63
PRINTER'S FEE: 23.84
TOTAL 81.47

HOLLIMAN CLARENCE
11-03-07-1-004-010-000 SEC-07
TWSHP: 5N RNGE:20E BEG AT NE
INT OF LEVEE STREET & TAYLOR
MILL RD, TH NE 210' TH SELY 83'
S 27' E 90' SWLY 228' TO RW,
TH NWLY 167' TO P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 52.23
PRINTER'S FEE: 12.16
TOTAL 64.39

JACOBS CHARLES J & RUNNEL
03-03-06-0-000-008-000 SEC-06
TWSHP: 7N RNGE:20E A LOT IN
NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 DESC AS BEG
AT INTER OF N LINE OF SD 40 &
E/S BLUFF SPRINGS RD, TH E
448' TH SE 348.8', TH W 295' TH
N 209' TH WLY 210' TP E/S
OF SD RD, TH NLY 106.6' TO P.O.B.
CONT 2.6 ACRES
TAXES & COST 50.87
PRINTER'S FEE: 15.52
TOTAL 66.39

JERNIGAN JAMES S & SUE J
12-02-04-0-000-012-004 SEC-04
TWSHP: 5N RNGE:19E BEG @ SE
COR OF SW1/4 OF SE1/4 POB W
260' NE 291' E 210.8' S 263' TO
P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 90.87
PRINTER'S FEE: 15.52
TOTAL 106.39

QUALLS RONNIE L
12-02-09-0-000-003-001 SEC-09
TWSHP: 5N RNGE:19E COM AT
INT OF S RW OF HWY 84 & WLY

OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SEC TH E
20' TO P.O.B. TH E 210', S 210', W
210' N 210' TO P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 62.91
PRINTER'S FEE: 20.00
TOTAL 82.91

REDDOCK DOROTHY M
11-05-16-2-000-035-001 SEC-16
TWSHP: 5N RNGE:20E COMM @
INT WLY NW 1/4 & S RW HWY 84
SELY 110(S) TO P.O.B. S 300' SELY
ALG REDDOCK HILL RD 200(S)
NLY 320(S) NWLY 200' TO P.O.B. IN
ELBA
TAXES & COST 70.41
PRINTER'S FEE: 19.68
TOTAL 90.09

RODRIGUEZ DAVID VICTOR
05-08-21-0-000-002-005 SEC-27
TWSHP: 6N RNGE:19E COM AT
INT OF CO W RW OF RD 380 & N
RW CO RD 385 TH SWLY ALG CO
RD 385 916.32'S TO P.O.B. TH
NWLY 480'S WLY 282.66' SWLY
420'S TO E BANK OF BEAVER
DAM CREEK, TH SELY ALG CK
TO N RW OF CO RD 385; TH
N 152' E 69' TO P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 69.00
PRINTER'S FEE: 28.00
TOTAL 97.00

SMITH MICHAEL & SHELLEY
11-04-17-1-001-026-000 SEC-17
TWSHP: 7N RNGE:22E A LOT IN
INT OF S RW OF BRUNSON ST,
TH SLY 455'S TO P.O.B. TH
NWLY 100' SLY 80'S ELY 100' N
80'S TO P.O.B. SLY 15N-R20E
170' SELY 400' N 101' WLY 79'
TO P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 52.68
PRINTER'S FEE: 19.95
TOTAL 72.63

WEED MARK & DANA
01-08-28-0-000-007-001 SEC-28
TWSHP: 7N RNGE:22E COMM @
INT W RW UNPAVED CO RD & N
RW CO RD 79; SWLY 264'; SELY
80.92' TO S/S CO RD 79; SELY
179' SELY 400' N 101' WLY 79'
TO P.O.B.
TAXES & COST 52.68
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Estelle Holloway, a widow, to the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, acting by and through the Farmers Home Administration, or its successor, dated November 3, 1992, recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 110-A, Pages 271-274, said mortgage was corrected and recorded December 31, 1992, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 111-A, Pages 207-210, and the entire indebtedness secured by said Real Estate Mortgage having been declared due and payable as there- in provided, the undersigned, the United States of America, acting through its authorized representative, under and in compliance with the power of sale in said Real Estate Mortgage, will proceed to sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder in front of the Elba courthouse of said County, during the legal hours of sale, on the 25th day of March, 1998, the following described property conveyed by said Real Estate Mortgage, to-wit:

05-08-21-0-000-002-005 SEC-27
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BY: HORACE H. HORN, JR.,
State Director
Rural Development, acting on behalf
of the Rural Housing Service, U.S.
Department of Agriculture, in interest to the Farmers Home
Administration, State of Alabama
United States Department of
Agriculture
3-4,11,18ch

ESTATE OF V.G. ROADES
DECEASED
Probate Court
PC-99-15

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of January, 1998, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

BEATRICE H. ROADES
Personal Representative
3/11,18ch

LEGAL NOTICE
In the Juvenile Court for Coffee County, Elba, Alabama
Case No. JUS-88-34-11
IN THE MATTER OF JERMAINE LEE JONES, A MINOR CHILD
NOTICE TO: CLARENCE E. COPEES, Address & Whereabouts Unknown

Please take notice that a petition to terminate parental rights in the above styled cause has been filed in said Court by the Coffee County Department of Human Resources and that the 18th day of May, 1999, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. has been set as a hearing same in said Court in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this petition, you must appear and plead to or answer same on or before the date set out above.
DONE this 1st day of March, 1999.
By: JIM ELLIS, CIRCUIT CLERK
3/4,11,18,25ch

LEGAL NOTICE
1. Eddy Disotell, will not be responsible for any debts other than those made by me personally.
By: Eddy Disotell
3/4,11,18,25 pd

IN RE CHARLES LEE MARLER, DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of March, 1999 by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Witness hand this 2nd day of Mar., 1999.
William O. Gammill
Probate Judge
By: Jacqueline Marler
Personal Representative
3/4,11,18ch

ESTATE OF ANGELA MELISSA KNIGHTON
DECEASED
Probate Court
PC-99-10

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of March, 1999, by the Hon. WILLIAM O. GAMMILL, Judge of the Probate Court of

Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Kabresha Goosby
Personal Representative
3/11,18,25ch

ESTATE OF JESSIE NELL W. KENDRICK
DECEASED
Probate Court
PC-99-11

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Rosemary K. Crook
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3/11,18,25ch

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOE BOB GIBSON, DECEASED
CASE NO: PC-99-08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Bonnie Fay Claveria, as Administratrix of the Estate of Joe Bob Gibson, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 1999, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
I, Bonnie Fay Claveria
Bonnie Fay Claveria Personal Representative
3/11,18,25ch

ESTATE OF JEFF W. KELLEY
DECEASED
Probate Court
PC-99-15

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William A. English
Personal Representative
3/18,25,4/1ch

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERA LINDA A. SMITH, DECEASED
CASE NO: PC-99-14

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Jeff W. Kelley
Personal Representative
3/18,25,4/1ch

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms of the mortgage executed on the 28th day of June, 1988 by Edwin C. Lowrey and Corinne P. Lowrey, husband and wife, in favor of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of the Wiregrass and recorded in Mortgage Book 87-A, Pages 293-297 in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama. Said mortgage was acquired by Colonial Bank by assignment dated the 25th day of June, 1988 and recorded in OR Book 1-O-A, Page 15 in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama. Said default continuing, the mortgage, under power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise, Alabama, which is the legal hours of sale on the 8th day of April, 1999, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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Fifty-Year-Old Fred's Super Dollar Store making Elba its newest home

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Fred's Super Dollar Stores have been in business across the Southeastern United States for over 50 years, and Elba soon will be added to the long list of cities housing the business.

Construction of the store has been underway for a few months now, and Mike Russell, owner of Russell Construction, said the building should be ready to turn over to the Fred's people by the middle of April.

Once complete, he said the 10,000 sq. ft. heated and cooled building will offer a variety of items to the people of the community, as well as, an 1800 sq. ft. garden center and a drive-thru pharmacy.

"I wanted to bring a Fred's to Elba because I feel it will be great for the economy," Russell said. "There are more than 300 of these stores in the Southeast U.S., and they stock over 1,200 different items."

Bringing Fred's to Elba is something that Russell said he had been

working towards for a couple of years because the growth the business has shown in past years could bring a positive mark to the city.

According to Fred's Annual Report for 1997, both sales and earnings reached a new high during the year. Total sales for the year rose 18 percent to \$492.2 million compared to \$418.3 million in 1996. Net income for 1997 rose 69 percent to \$9.8 million or \$8.4 per basic share as compared to the \$5.8 million or \$5.50 per basic share the previous year.

Net sales for Fred's Super Dollar Stores also showed an increase by reaching \$74 million. This was a 17.7 percent increase from previous years, and \$42 million of the increase was attributed to the net addition of 48 store locations and 40 pharmacies during the year.

In his letter to shareholders, Michael Hayes, chief executive officer and president of Fred's, attributed much of the companies growth to its dedication of offering quality products to consumers.

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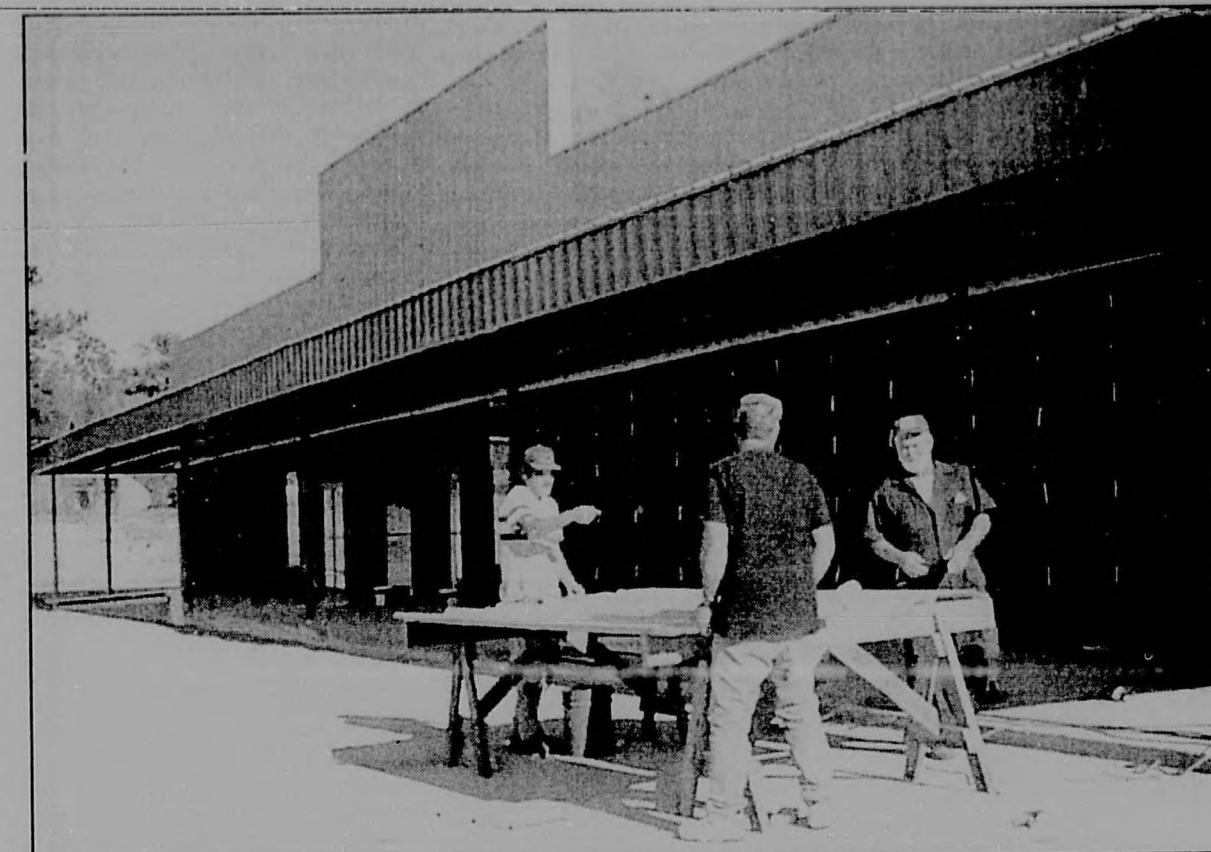
opportunity to shop more at home for their products," Russell said. "They carry everything from sporting equipment, cleaning supplies, clothes, lawn and garden equipment, and electronics to some furniture."

He said this will bring in many desired tax dollars for the city. But, tax dollars aren't the only thing the store will offer the city and people of Elba.

Russell said the store has already been good for the community as construction and much of the work has been completed or is being handled by local people. He added that when the store opens sometime around the middle of May or first of June, there will be approximately 24 or 25 employees and most of these people will be local people.

Russell said he is excited about bringing Fred's to Elba, and the people of Fred's seem to be excited about their new venture as well.

"Fred's is a working people's store," he said. "And, that's exactly the kind of people we have here in Elba. I think it's going to be a great relationship all around."



Employees of C&C Steel Constructors, the company contracted by Russell Construction to build the Fred's Super Dollar Store in Elba, prepare a sheet of metal siding to be placed on the building's front.

Elba Police Department's two newest members introduced to city council

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council were introduced to two new Elba police officers Monday night. They also discussed drainage problems, from high on Highland Drive to the base of the Elba levee.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth introduced the two newest members of the police department. Mark Anderson has 14 years experience and Danny Richardson has been in police work for one year. Both plan to make their home in Elba.

Whitworth also told council members he is looking into two new federal grant programs which might be of benefit to Elba. One is to purchase bullet proof vests for officers and the other is to address youth violence.

Harold Berry told council members about an on-going drainage problem at his home on Highland Drive. He pointed out that he and his neighbors have been contending with this for many years, and it is only getting worse. The heavy rains of two weeks ago caused a retaining wall he constructed for water control to blow out. He also said that a two hundred foot 24" drain pipe



Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth (right) welcomes police officers Mark Anderson (left) and Danny Richardson (center) to the Elba Police Department.

paid for by him and his neighbor assured him this problem would be addressed.

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County Water Authority one step closer

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission took little time in tending to county business and getting on about their own Monday morning.

Commissioners were done and gone in less than an hour. Most of the business took place during the "general business from the commissioners" portion of the meeting.

At the request of Commissioner Linda Westbrook, County Administrator Wilson Mobley read a resolution authorizing the application for incorporation of a Coffee County Water Authority. The three incorporators named in the application are Linda Westbrook, Al Britt, and Eddie B. Jones, all registered voters of Coffee County and property owners as required by state code. This is the first step necessary in creating a county-wide public water authority.

The commission adopted the resolution allowing the process to begin. In connection with that same matter, Commissioner Westbrook recommended that a seven-member board of directors be appointed to the county-wide authority.

Individuals recommended were: Dale Moseley, Cliff Ohlenburger, Austin Mixon, Leo Brown, Al Britt, Dr. James Paulk, and Darren Smith. The commission gave its approval.



Comm. Linda Westbrook

Commissioner Westbrook had some good news concerning the flood mitigation buy-out program. She said that notification has been received from the sheriff's department, be marked with decals. It was noted that sheriff's department vehicles used for investigation, undercover operations and the sheriff's car would be exempt from the requirement.

There are eight (8) individuals that have agreed to the plan, and the deeds are in the process of being prepared by the county's attorney. When this process is completed, the proper notification will be made and

the money will be paid to the individuals involved in the buy-out program. There were two (2) individuals who had signed up for the program but have since decided not to participate in the program.

Commissioner Robert Stephens requested that Co. Rd. 614 in the Goodman Community which "lacks 957 feet being completely paved" be finished by the county's highway department at their convenience so as not to interfere with previously scheduled jobs. He made a motion to that effect which passed unanimously.

Stephens commented that the road provides access to the Goodman Assembly of God Church.

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis made a motion that all county-owned vehicles, including vehicles belonging to the sheriff's department, be marked with decals.

It was noted that sheriff's department vehicles used for investigation, undercover operations and the sheriff's car would be exempt from the requirement.

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Grand jury indicts Enterprise man in grandfather's murder

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The grandson arrested and charged in the murder of his grandfather last week has been indicted on capital murder charges.

A special grand jury met Monday morning and returned an indictment of capital murder against Paul Edward Smith, 32, of 106 Mayflower Street, Enterprise. The first degree murder-robbery charge is because Smith allegedly killed his grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Smith, Sr., 94, while robbing him of a reportedly small amount of money.

An autopsy performed on the victim listed the probable cause of death as "multiple blunt force trauma to the head, neck, chest and abdomen."

Authorities believe that beating death of Smith took place between 11 p.m. and midnight on Saturday, March 13. His body was discovered by his son, Benjamin Franklin Smith, Jr. (the father of the suspect) who lived next door to his father in a mobile home. The front door of the elder Smith residence, a small brick home, was not locked and showed no signs of a forced entry

The back entrance to the dwelling was locked.

Investigators believe that Smith acted alone in allegedly killing his grandfather; however, nothing has been ruled out in the case.

Smith has been held in the Coffee County Jail since his arrest on Sunday, March 14. He was denied bail during his initial appearance before District Judge Steve Blair.

Monday morning, following his arrest on the grand jury's indictment, Paul E. Smith was arraigned before Circuit Judge Gary McAlley where he entered a "not guilty plea." He pleaded not guilty to the charge by reason of mental disease or defect.

The judge advised Smith that an indictment by a grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence, it merely determines probable cause that a crime was committed by the accused. He was once again denied bail by Judge McAlley and returned to the county jail to await trial.

No trial date has been set, and the investigation is continuing by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office.

Area Happenings

COMMUNITY-WIDE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE Westside Baptist Church will once again host the community-wide Easter sunrise service on April 4. The service will begin at 6:45 a.m. with breakfast following in the activities building. It is the sincere and heartfelt desire of the pastor and congregation of Westside Baptist Church that everyone in Elba join in celebrating the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SAUSAGE FESTIVAL Practice up on your best apple pie recipe. Try your special sausage dish on your family. Get a team together for the tug-of-war contest. Get out your best greased pole climbing outfit and get ready to have a good time! There will be lots of activities for children and adults, with arts and crafts and clogging. The First Annual Ole Time Country Fair and Sausage Festival is just around the corner. Make your plans to be at the Heart of Dixie Music Park on May 8th, located 4 miles west of Elba on AL Hwy. 166. The event is being sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 897-3125.

COUNTY BOE MEETING The next regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 15, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Office located in Elba.

BAND DAY '99 Many Attractions are being planned to make Band Day '99 a fun-filled and entertaining day for all ages. Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 1999, on the Courthouse square, downtown Elba. Read *The Elba Clipper* for further details in the coming weeks.

News Brief

Shortly before 8:30 p.m. Monday evening, Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies responded to reports of a shooting at a local poultry processing plant.

According to authorities, Mary Cooks, of Adams Street, Elba was shot in the upper leg in a shooting incident that took place at Wayne Farms Southland Foods, Route 1, Jack located on Co. Rd. 114 in the northeast portion of the county. A warrant for attempted murder has been signed and authorities are looking for Wallace Holmes, 43, of Ozark, Ala. He reportedly left the scene of the shooting on a dark blue, four-door, 1999 Mercury Marquis bearing Alabama license plate 26C0999.

Cooks was taken to Medical Center Enterprise by the Elba Rescue Squad where she received treatment for her wound.

Anyone having any information of Holmes' whereabouts is asked to call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535 or their local law enforcement agency. The incident remains under investigation by the sheriff's department and the District Attorney's office.

This HUD project includes a 25% local match, however Grimes says the city can do some in kind work with the street department equipment, thus cutting down on the actual cash outlay.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported to the council that the utility department is actively working to complete the underground electrical connection to the new Fred's building on the bypass. Water and sewage connections to this building are complete. Morrow said that water and electric connections are complete to the Lawford/Purvis shopping center across from Fred's and the sewage connections are now underway.

Council member Harold Bannin questioned the clerk about several holes from removed power poles at the renovated Mulberry ball park. He noted the danger of broken legs